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SUBJ: ACCUSATION ABOUT JAPANESE SPIES IN NORTH THAILAND

REF: A. BANGKOK 8889; B. FBIS D300315Z MAY 74;

C. FBIS D310245Z MAY 74

1. THE JAPANESE SPY STORY PUBLISHED IN "THE NATION ON MAY 30 (REF B) APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER OF "THE NATION'S" BLOOPERS. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THE SAME DAY, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, DR. PRACHA KHUNAKASEM, STATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITSARANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA DID NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THE JAPANESE EMBASSY OR ITS CONNECTION WITH ANY SPYING ACTIVITY AS REPORTED IN THE ARTICLE.

2. THE MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY INFORMED US MAY 31 THAT THE MFA IS UPSET OVER THE GROUNDLESS ARTICLE AND HAS OBTAINED ASSURANCES FROM THE "THE NATION'S" EDITOR THAT IT WILL PUBLISH A RETRACTION JUNE 1.

3. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY ISSUED A DENIAL PUBLISHED IN "THE NATION" MAY 31 (REF C).

4. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH THE CHIANG MAI ANALYSIS
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REPORTED IN REFTEL A. THE STORY IS NONSENSE.

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